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FOR: A TAILORED BARRIER LAYER WHICH PROVIDES

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## APPELLANT'S REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER 37 § CFR §1.194

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Appellants hereby request an Oral Hearing in the subject matter, in this paper separate from the Notice of Appeal, as required under 37 CFR § 1.194(b). Appellants' Transmittal Letter while accompanies the filing of this Request provides for payment of the required fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(d).

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. EF275413071US in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Box AF, Washington, DC 20231.

Date: April 13, 2001

Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

This request is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPELLANTS' REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER UNDER 37 CFR § 1.193(b) AND REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is appellants' Reply in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 13, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response of April 13, 2001. Also transmitted herewith is a Request for an Oral Hearing.

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Check No. <u>1147</u>, in the amount of \$ 270.00, in payment of the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(d) for the Request for Oral Hearing, accompanies this transmittal letter. It is believed that this is the total amount due for filing of this Reply to Examiner's Answer, Request for Oral Hearing, and the accompanying documents. However, in the event that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1512</u> of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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